REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 2-7 remain in the application. Claim 1 was canceled previously.

Claims 8-11 are canceled without prejudice as part of this amendment.

The applicants and the assignee are pleased to note that claims 2-7 have been allowed. Those claims have not been amended and are the only claims remaining in the application. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to issue a Notice of Allowance.

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